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From: Greg Lovato
Sent: Sat 2/20/2016 1:08:57 AM
Subject: RE: Yerington Mine Site - OU 8

Gene and Angeles,

Thanks for the time today to discuss this site and all the upcoming meetings.

EPA and NDEP acknowledge BLM's important role at this site. We know Dave Davis is plugged in at the project management and technical stakeholder group level, but given we are at a crossroads on overall project direction at this time, it is important to keep BLM state office upper management apprised.

Today we discussed a few key areas in particular where coordination with BLM will be critical:

- 1) EPA and BLM need to confer on respective agency roles and responsibilities regarding the NPL listing decision and in the event the site stays as EPA lead, the BLM role with respect to the NCP remedy selection process. EPA and BLM have agreed to set up a meeting to discuss these matters.
- 2) If the state and local/private entities develop a viable funding alternative to manage the entire site including OU-8 under state lead, NDEP agrees that input from BLM on that alternative will be necessary. BLM input will be considered as part any decisions by EPA to defer the site to state lead as well as any future remedy selection by the NDEP.

We agreed that once we figure out where the project is heading with respect to OU-8 funding, we should update the MOU to reflect these understandings.

With respect to the upcoming meetings, I don't think it makes sense for BLM to attend the February 25 meeting. That meeting is for parties to discuss potential allocation of funding for an alternative to listing the site on the NPL to make the site eligible for funding OU-8 with EPA Superfund. I have not heard that BLM is interested in participating in funding an alternative to EPA Superfund. I can commit to updating BLM on the outcome of this meeting and any follow up steps. If we do develop a viable alternative, NDEP will present that to EPA and BLM as part of requesting deferral from EPA. I would like to hear as early as possible if BLM is planning to attend as the other parties attending on February 25 are not at all under that impression and I would need to notify them.

I understand BLM was considering whether it would attend the March 2 meeting requested by EPA.

Hopefully this captures what we discussed adequately. Thanks to you both and have a great weekend!

Greg

From: Seidlitz, Joseph (Gene) [mailto:gseidlitz@blm.gov]
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Subject: Yerington Mine Site - OU 8

Hi Greg

I hope your Wednesday is going great.

Based on the past exchange of emails regarding Yerington Mine Site, please include myself on any and all future meetings with the County/City/Farmer's/Tribes and or locals regarding the site. As we know BLM has land within the site and we have 35% of the ownership of OU 8. Thus, we have a role in the process and a decision making role too. Thanks in advance!

Thanks for your understanding

Gene

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